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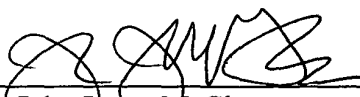
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Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the specification.

- DE 296 07 587.6 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. Applicant is not attaching a copy of DE 296 07 587.6 at this time, however, is attaching the corresponding International Application WO 97/41361. The reference discloses a ball-and-socket joint. No full translation of this reference is available at this time.

- DE 296 16 350 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

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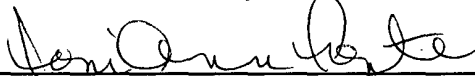
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>WO 97/41361</u>	<u>Nov. 6, 1997</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 296 16 350</u>	<u>Oct. 9, 1997</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date,  
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